

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line page 7 at line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 24 (SEQ ID NOS:115-117, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:73, and SEQ ID NOS:124-125) shows results of experiments testing the effect on miRNA detection of altering probe and oligonucleotide length.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7 at line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 25 (SEQ ID NOS:118-119, SEQ ID NOS:101-102, SEQ ID NOS:104-105, and SEQ ID NOS:122-123) shows exemplary invasive cleavage oligonucleotide designs for detection of an siRNA. Lower case residues indicate 2'-O-methyl.

Please replace the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed August 23, 2004 with the attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing.